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FOREIGN.

The European Situation.

A Feeling of Distrust and Insecurity on the Spanish Bourse.

An Exciting Debate in the French Legislature.

Resignation of the French Ministry Reported.

Active Military Preparations in France, Spain, Prussia, and Belgium.

FRANCE.

PARIS, July 13.—The Constitutionnel, Ministerial organ, has the following:

"The government has testimony that the circulars of the Duke de Gramont, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, have not been disturbed. We are satisfied that Europe will not respond to Prussian provocations. We will not respond at this peaceful solution of the question."

PARIS, July 13.—A telegraphic despatch from Bayonne this morning says Prince Leopold accepts the Spanish crown on conditions of the approval of the Cortes and war against France, should the latter attack Germany.

NEW YORK, July 13.—The excitement here over the reported war between France and Prussia is intense. Bonded securities are going up, and the stock boards are feeling the effects of the excitement. Crowds are collecting outside the Herald office, awaiting the arrival of the steamer with the latest news. The Ministerial organs are urging the people against France, and declaring that the question of Central European supremacy is at stake. The Ministerial journals are also urging the detention of trains conveying Prussian troops en route for the Baltic. It will be remembered by readers of the Tribune, that Russia is strongly ready

FIREMEN'S RIOTS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Blood-Curdling Accounts of Shooting and Stabbing—The Philadelphia and Good-Will Engine Companies Engage in the Fight—Ordinary Fists to Bricks and Pistols—The Causes.

From the Philadelphia Sunday Telegraph, July 11.

The city has been disgraced by midnight assaults, murderous conflicts and affrays between rival firemen, and the peaceful citizens have been terrified by the sounds of riot and bloodshed. Last night was the fourth in succession that the Eighth Ward has been disturbed by the fierce conflicts between the Philadelphia and Good-Will Engine Companies, and it would be difficult to say which of the two companies has been the more disorderly. The fight of last night was the most serious of the series, and the first one in which the Philadelphia Company has been engaged. Previous to last night the Good-Will Company had been the aggressors, and the Philadelphia Company had been compelled to defend themselves. The fight of last night was the result of a challenge sent by the Good-Will Company to the Philadelphia Company, and was fought on the ground selected by the latter company. The fight was a bloody one, and the police were unable to prevent it. The Philadelphia Company had a large number of men present, and the Good-Will Company had a smaller number. The fight began at the corner of Third and Vine streets, and was continued through Vine street to Fourth, and down Fourth to Callowhill, and then through Callowhill to Second, and down Second to Vine, and back to the corner of Third and Vine, where the fight began. The fight lasted for about two hours, and during the entire time the streets were filled with a howling mob of men, women and children, who were terrified at the sight of the fierce conflict between the rival companies. The fight was a bloody one, and many persons were injured. Some of the men were shot, others were stabbed with knives, and others were struck with clubs, bricks and stones. The fight was a fierce one, and the men fought with a desperation that was terrible to witness. Many of the men were terribly injured, and some of them will probably die from the effects of the wounds received in the fight. The fight was the result of a challenge sent by the Good-Will Company to the Philadelphia Company, and was fought on the ground selected by the latter company

THE COURTS.

Commercial Law—Fourth Term—1870.

Southern Bail—People's Business.

Circuit Court.

Richard D. Tyson, U. S. Marshal, Central Illinois District, vs. Henry Greble. This was an action of assumption commenced in the Circuit Court of this city on the 5th day of June, 1869, in favor of the said plaintiff and against the said defendant, for the sum of one thousand dollars, damages, &c. The declaration in the cause consists of a single count, in which it is alleged that the defendant, on the 5th day of June, 1869, at Chicago, in consideration that the said plaintiff, at the request of the said defendant, had then and there become bail for the said defendant in a certain action of debt, then lately commenced against the said defendant in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, by one Henry Bretz, and at the request of the said defendant, undertook and promised the said plaintiff that he, the said defendant, would pay to the said plaintiff the said sum of one thousand dollars, damages, &c. The defendant pleaded the general issue. The cause was tried by the Court, a jury having been waived by the parties, and the Court found the issues for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at the sum of one thousand dollars. Judgment was rendered accordingly. The cause was brought to this Court by writ of error. Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham for plaintiff in error. Messrs. Lawrence & Ayer for defendant in error. Opinion by Mr. Justice Lawrence. Affirmed with costs. Cause submitted June 30, 1870. Decided July 13, 1870.

Ellen Cass, Appellant, vs. Mary E. Dix et al. Appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County; the Hon. Thomas Drummond, Judge, presiding. This is a proceeding to restrain the defendants from the collection of a judgment obtained on the 18th day of March, 1870, by the said Mary E. Dix, for the erection of a church, upon allegation that the same is void for usury. The complainant's bill was dismissed for want of equity. The complainant then brought the cause to this Court by appeal. Messrs. Lyon & Lyon for appellant. Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham for appellees. Opinion by Mr. Justice Lawrence. Affirmed with costs. Cause submitted June 30, 1870. Decided July 13, 1870.

Thomas H. Monroe, Appellant, vs. The Oakland Congregational Society, Appellee. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County; the Hon. Thomas Drummond, Judge, presiding. This is a proceeding to restrain the defendant from the collection of a judgment obtained against the complainant for the erection of a church, upon allegation that the same is void for usury. The complainant's bill was dismissed for want of equity. The complainant then brought the cause to this Court by appeal. Messrs. Lyon & Lyon for appellant. Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham for appellee. Opinion by Mr. Justice Lawrence. Affirmed with costs. Cause submitted June 30, 1870. Decided July 13, 1870.

Henry Schuyler, C. Gregory Hopper, Chas. Hampden and Alfred Hall, Jr., vs. Henry Schuyler, Jr., Executor of the last will and testament of Henry Schuyler, deceased. Error to the Circuit Court of Cook County; the Hon. Thomas Drummond, Judge, presiding. This was an action of assumpsit commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, by the plaintiffs in error against the defendant in error, upon a promissory note for $1,000, dated Chicago, Dec. 1, 1857, and payable to the order of the plaintiffs in error, one year after date, at the Bank of Commerce, in Chicago. The declaration contains the common counts. The defendant pleaded the general issue, and a special plea, setting up the statute of limitations. The cause was tried by the Court, a jury having been waived by the parties, and the Court found the issues for the defendant, and rendered judgment accordingly. The cause was brought to this Court by writ of error. Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham for plaintiffs in error. Messrs. Lawrence & Ayer for defendant in error. Opinion by Mr. Justice Lawrence. Affirmed with costs. Cause submitted June 30, 1870. Decided July 13, 1870.

Probate.

To-day's probate business was in a state looked forward to with peculiar interest, the hearing of the petition of Mrs. Mary Ann Bickerdike, widow of the late Charles Bickerdike, for the probate of a will alleged to have been executed by her husband in favor of herself and children, the duration of which is said to be for the term of her natural life, and no longer. If it is valid, the result will be that a contract of the kind was made with reference to the property, and the estate will be settled in accordance with the provisions of the will. If it is not valid, the property will be distributed according to the laws of the State. The petition was presented to the Court by Messrs. Lyon & Lyon, attorneys for the widow, and was opposed by Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham, attorneys for the children. The case was given to the jury with issues to be tried.

Superior Court.

CHANCERY.

Charles Kidder vs. Robert N. Rose, Sr., et al. Foreclosure. This is an action of mortgage, commenced in the Superior Court of Cook County, on the 5th day of January, 1870, by the said Charles Kidder against the said Robert N. Rose, Sr., and the said Robert N. Rose, Jr., and Mary Rose, his wife, as defendants. The amount of alleged issues in the case is $2,000, and the amount of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is $1,000. The declaration contains the usual counts in such cases. The defendants pleaded the general issue. The cause was tried by the Court, a jury having been waived by the parties, and the Court found the issues for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at the sum of $1,000. Judgment was rendered accordingly. The cause was brought to this Court by writ of error. Messrs. Hoyne, Miller, Owen & Dunham for plaintiffs in error. Messrs. Lawrence & Ayer for defendant in error. Opinion by Mr. Justice Lawrence. Affirmed with costs. Cause submitted June 30, 1870. Decided July 13, 1870.

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Probate.

The regular meeting of the Alma Club is to be held this evening at No. 141 Randolph street.

The Young Men's Association will this evening at the corner of Randolph and Halsted streets, give a reception to the young men who graduated in it on its late.

The Thursday Meetings played a game with the West Philadelphias, a club hailing with the Quaker City, on the grounds of the Lake View Club, yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The game resulted in favor of the West Philadelphias, by a score of 15 to 3. The White Stockings go on to Baltimore this week.

Fred Walter, Ind., July 13.—In the game between the Red Stockings and the Forest Citys, played here this afternoon, the Cincinnatis scored 11 runs in the ninth inning, and won the game by a score of 12 to 10.

The Chicago Lyceum.

A good audience assembled last evening, in response to the call made by the Chicago Lyceum, at Farwell Hall, on Clark street, to hear the lecture announced for that evening, by Mr. H. C. Hazlett, the new Secretary of State, on "How to preserve the Republic." Mr. Hazlett, however, was not present, and in his place Mr. Hoyne, the President of the Lyceum, announced that Mr. Hazlett was unavoidably detained by business, and would not be present. Mr. Hoyne then introduced Mr. Hazlett's substitute, Mr. Hiram Barney, of New York, who proceeded to read a lecture on "Civil Service Reform," which was listened to with close attention by the audience. The lecture was a very able one, and was delivered in a clear, distinct manner. At the close of the lecture, Mr. Hoyne announced that the next lecture would be delivered by Mr. Wendell Phillips, on the 28th inst., and that all the advantages afforded them it would be very much if the society did not eventually become one of the most popular literary associations in the North-west.

The new organ which has been recently put in the Church, after which Dr. Patton will preach a sermon upon the Human Progress," Mr. Nathaniel Gordon, formerly of Portland, Me., but for many years a resident of this city, will be tried for piracy. He is always open to conviction, but it is supposed he can be peaceably disposed of. Mr. Gordon is a man of fine social and conversational powers, and there are many who will be sorry to see him suffer the extreme penalty of the law. In every car-load who witnesses every train that leaves the depot, there is a man who is going to Wall Street to make a fortune. Many of these will be soon overtaken by misfortune, and will return to this city, where they will be ready to start out again on another speculative trip.

Fatal Shooting.

To-day coroner's inquest was held upon the body of Thomas Cannon, who was shot by Officer Thomas Cahill, on the night of the 11th inst., on the corner of Halsted and Harrison streets. The evidence showed that Cannon was drunk and disorderly, and that he was shot by Officer Cahill in the discharge of his duty. The Coroner will hold an inquest this morning.

Sudden Death.

A colored man, named Thomas Green, aged 70 years, died suddenly at No. 32 Custom-House place, about half-past 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was out at work in the morning, and returned home at noon, complaining of not feeling well. He was in bed at 2 o'clock, when he died. Deceased was a native of Virginia, and had been a resident of this city for 20 years. The Coroner will hold an inquest this morning.

Meteorological.

Meteorological report for July 13, 1870, as reported at the Signal Office, Chicago, by Sergt. Hazlett, U. S. Signal Service. The time used is Chicago mean time, that of the 90th meridian, or 5 minutes 50 seconds slower than Washington time.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Dir.	Vel.	Weather.	Rain.
7:35 a.m.	29.90	70	S.		6	Clear	
1:35 p.m.	29.85	80	S.		12	Clear	
9:35 p.m.	29.85	72	S.		8	Clear	

Maximum temperature, 80. Minimum temperature, 70. Mean temperature, 75. Total rainfall, 0.00 inches.

SIGNAL SERVICE.

Washington, July 13.—Rain fall—Newark, 0; Cincinnati, 1.

GAME AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, July 13.—Base Ball—Stewarts, 29; Unions, 14.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

ST. JAMES HOTEL.

Among the arrivals at the St. James Hotel, yesterday, were the following: Thomas E. Moore, Cincinnati; Mrs. Dr. Hall, Miss Hall, Mrs. Dr. Hall, Jr., Geneva; A. Gould, Clinton; Austin Corbin, New York; Mrs. Dr. Hall, Jr., Geneva; A. Gould, Clinton; Austin Corbin, New York; Mrs. Austin Corbin, New York; Miss Corbin, New York; Miss Corbin, New York; Miss